

October 27, 2019 – 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time

“The Pharisee took up his position and spoke this prayer to himself, ‘O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity — greedy, dishonest, adulterous — or even like this tax collector . . . ’ But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, ‘O God, be merciful to me a sinner.’”
Luke 18: 9-14

From hardship, community forms . . .

She read about a local organization that had formed to help refugees in town. She checked out their Facebook page, and left a message asking if there is anything she could do to help. She thought her note sounded a little naïve, but she sent it anyway.

A few minutes later, a woman named Sherry wrote back, asking her to call. She thought Sherry might ask for money or tell her where she could drop off food or clothes or furniture. Instead, Sherry asked, “We have ESL class tomorrow. Can you give a family a ride?” At first, she was hesitant, but she had the time and a car, so she said yes.

The person who coordinated transportation sent her a name, phone number and address in another city. I don’t really want to do this ran through her head as she drove to the apartment building. But her hesitancy immediately disappeared when she met Shabana and her three boys. She drove them to the church where the class was meeting. Folded chairs were arranged in a circle and a few women were already seated, talking and laughing. They all greeted her with three kisses (Afgani style, she soon learned). She took a seat, still feeling like a newcomer, observing this growing circle of women and children, warm embraces, friendship and resilience. She helped one of the women, Roya, practice writing her letters. She met Friba, who told her about her four daughters and the two women made plans to visit the local art museum.

Later that day, she went to the car wash, physical therapy, and a church meeting and told everyone about her morning. Within a week, her physical therapist had found shoes for Friba’s daughter, her cousin volunteered to help provide childcare during class, and Marge, a friend from church in her eighties, began coming to the class to help.

Since that first morning, she’s grown close to the women and their families. She’s become invested in their hopes and futures. She offered to help because she wanted to make people who were new to this country feel welcome at a time when some were making it clear that they were not. As it turned out, they made her feel welcome. She hates the losses her new friends have endured and the hardships their families continue to face — but she loves the community they have built in the midst of it.

[Nicolette Rohr, writing in *The Christian Century*, May 8, 2019.]

For many of us, Jesus’ parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector often plays out as moving from the self-importance of the Pharisee to the humility of the tax collector, from a reluctance to give to those “lesser” than ourselves to realizing the good we gain from such generosity. In embracing the spirit of Gospel compassion, in surrendering the isolating pride of our Pharisee-like selves, we can discover the support and peace that comes in embracing the spirit of our sister and brother tax collectors, who find solace and support in their shared gratitude to God for God’s mercy and love. We best give thanks for God’s love for us by returning that love to one another. In accepting one another as God has accepted us, we honor God as Father of us all by honoring one another as brothers and sisters.

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Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ



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<u>Weekend Masses:</u>	Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m.
<u>Reconciliation:</u>	By request
<u>Mass During the Week:</u>	No daily mass until October 29, due to priest retreat.
<u>Holy Hour of Adoration:</u>	Third Sunday of the Month at 2 p.m.
<u>Marriages:</u>	Six months’ notice required. A year’s notice is recommended.
<u>Baptisms:</u>	Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.
<u>St. Vincent de Paul:</u>	To assist those in need. Call 638-9010.

RECEIVED WITH THANKS

October 20, 2019

Regular Collection	\$ 1950.25
Building Fund	\$ 40.00
Votive Candles	\$ 18.80
Sunday Missals	\$ 75.00
World Mission Sunday	\$ 296.00
In Memoriam (Annetta Hackett)	\$ 100.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Tues, 7 p.m.	Late Bridget Blackwood
Wed, 10 a.m.	Late Augustine Barry
Thur, 7 p.m.	Late Mark Snooks
Fri, 2 p.m. (Lohnes Complex)	Late Annetta Hackett
Sat, 4:30 p.m.	Mass in Thanksgiving
Sun, 11 a.m.	Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

November 2	
Mary Gallant Dennis Bruce	Marie Byrne Mona Specker Art Hall
November 3	
Anna House Donna Eldridge	Don Gallant Calvin Gillis Patsy Payne
Communion to the Lohnes Complex	
Eileen Moore	

MASS REQUESTS: This is a good time to request Masses and have them said in a timely manner.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 2020: Forms for registration for Sacramental Preparation are now available at the back of the church.

BIBLE STUDY / DISCUSSION: Continues this Thursday at 7:30 pm in parish meeting room.

THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS:

November 1st is the Feast of All Saints, which honours every saint, known and unknown. While we have information about many saints and have specific feast days to celebrate them, there are many unknown saints, who may have been forgotten or never honoured specifically. On All Saints Day, we celebrate these holy people and ask for their prayers and intercessions. The Gospel reading on All Saints Day is the Sermon on the Mount, from the Gospel of Matthew, in which Jesus gives us the Beatitudes to teach us what we must be like in order to inherit the Kingdom of God.



4YOUTH: We'll be celebrating Halloween this Thursday. Did you know that Halloween has a religious connection? The word Halloween means All Hallows Eve. It is called that because the next day is All Hallows, or All Saints, Day. The ancient Celts thought that the veil between the world of the living and the world of the dead was very thin on the eve of this feast day and that the spirits could pass through this thin veil. People wore masks so that the spirits would not be able to recognize them. They carved scary faces and lit candles to keep the spirits away. There are some really good videos about these two days on YouTube. Try searching one of these - You Don't Know Jack about the Saints, You Don't Know Jack about Halloween or The Saints and Halloween.

THE ROSARY: The Rosary will be prayed every Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. for the month of October. Come join us in Prayer.

COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED:

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, more commonly referred to as All Souls Day, is observed annually on November 2. This is a day set aside to honor the dead and pray for the souls of the faithful departed.

CABBAGE ROLL DINNER: The Ladies Group will be hosting a dinner on Saturday, November 2 at Sacred Heart School cafeteria. Dinner will include cabbage rolls, mashed potatoes, carrots, tea/coffee and dessert. Take out will begin at 5 p.m. Eat in dinner will start following Mass about 5:30 p.m. \$10.00 per plate. We encourage all parishioners to attend as this is one of our major fundraisers and a great time to socialize with friends.

SIGN UP SHEETS – LADIES GROUP: There are several sheets at the back of the church we would like to bring to your attention.

DINNERS Please let us know if you plan to attend as we need to prepare enough food.

DONATIONS If you can provide any of the items listed, please leave your name & phone no & someone will get back to you. For more info you may call Veronica at 639- 7216.

MARY'S KITCHEN Our Parish is responsible for NOVEMBER. We are in need of volunteers for desserts and serving.

SSVP ACTIVITY IN SEPTEMBER: Society of St Vincent de Paul visited 22 homes and served 46 adults, 7 children, at a cost of \$1131.24, using 31 volunteer hours. Mary's Kitchen served 131 people costing \$696.80 and using 95 volunteer hours. We visited 21 homes either for furniture pickup or delivery, this needed 27 volunteer hours. Thank you and God bless for your continued support.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY:

Thank you very much for your generous contribution to last week's World Mission Sunday collection. This support is a blessing for the Bishops, the Priests, the Sisters, the Brothers and the Lay Catechists who depend on this help from the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Please continue to pray for those who serve in mission countries so that they may remain steadfast in their vocation to bring Christ's message of love to those they serve.



HUMOUR: A teacher asks her student "If I have 10 apples in one hand and 14 apples in the other, what do I have? The child answers, "Really, really big hands, miss."

AUCTION: Our Lady Star of the Sea will be holding an online Auction during the week of November 7-14. The Facebook group has now been created (Our Lady Star of the Sea Online Auction). All items have now been collected and prepared. Photos will be uploaded early next week; bidding will begin at 7:00 pm on November 7 and close at 7:00 pm on November 14.

MT. PATRICIA CEMETERY CLEAN UP: The time of year has come for Mt. Patricia Cemetery clean up; this is the time to remove any personal items that are on graves. All personal items should be removed by October 31, if not removed, the cemetery association will remove these items. If you do have personal items that you wish to save, please have them removed by October 31. Thank you.